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[http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/blindness/deafblind\\_communicator/\\_details/id\\_118/deafblind\\_communicator.html](http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/blindness/deafblind_communicator/_details/id_118/deafblind_communicator.html)

The above product is VERY expensive to purchase. Close to \$8K. DeafBlind people cannot afford this equipment and it will be helpful if the government could pay for this for each DB person who can benefit from it.

Typical cell phones for purchase by anyone need to be adapted to be user friendly for people with low or no vision AND Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Cell phones have tiny buttons and tiny text message fonts that cannot be seen. Braille displays need to be attached to the cell phone wirelessly or wired for those who use Braille displays. Large fonts/buttons need to be added.

The government needs to understand that the needs of the American citizen who is BOTH deaf and blind are different than the needs of citizens who are EITHER Deaf/hard of hearing only or Blind/low vision only. Please do not get confused and understand that the mobile phone for a Deaf-Blind person is a challenging device to make for them and will be super expensive!